

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE CENTER FOR FAMILIES GROUND BREAKING

HON. JAY INSLEE

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, balancing work and family has become increasingly difficult for families across America. One of the greatest challenges that many families face is finding safe, affordable childcare. It is with these challenges in mind that I am delighted to announce that a week from today, on June 11, 2002, Edmonds Community College will officially begin construction on their new Center for Families. The Center for Families, scheduled to open in September 2003, will triple the college's on-site childcare center from about 5,000 to 15,000 square feet. The Center will also triple its childcare capacity for the children of students, including students who are retraining for new jobs after unemployment and those participating in welfare-to-work programs.

Moreover, this new center will serve as a training facility for future professionals in early childhood education and as a model of best practices in parent education, childcare, preschool education (including Head Start), and family support. The Center for Families will have a Family Resource Center providing a "one stop" reference service for parents and professionals. Here, families can find the resources they need to stay in school and find the best care for their children, as well as parenting resources, professional help, and support groups.

The Edmonds Community College Foundation successfully raised \$4 million dollars for this exciting new center from a combination of federal, state, county, city, and private funds. The center will bring together children from all backgrounds—some have parents who are new immigrants, other parents are professionals seeking new job skills, while others are transitioning from welfare. As a community resource, it will create more graduates who are successful and, ultimately, a more educated community.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating Edmonds Community College on their wonderful Center for Families. The Center for Families will truly be, "Expanding Childcare, Educating Families, Enhancing Community."

IN RECOGNITION OF THE POPULATION COUNCIL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Population Council,

which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Its headquarters are located in the 14th Congressional district which I represent. The Population Council strives to improve the well-being and reproductive health of people around the world and works to achieve a humane, equitable and sustainable balance between people and resources.

Established in 1952, the organization conducts high-quality, objective, policy-relevant research in biomedicine, public health and social science. It also offers evidence-based technical assistance and capacity building through collaborative research, awards, fellowships, and training.

Founder John D. Rockefeller III believed that the reason to care about population was "to improve the quality of people's lives, to help make it possible for individual's everywhere to develop their full potential." Although the circumstances facing the world have changed substantially over the past 50 years, that vision has motivated the organization throughout its history. Today the Council remains in the forefront of its field, anticipating problems, doing the research, and providing the results that inform the debate and facilitate the development and implementation of science-based solutions. The Council's research agenda now includes HIV/AIDS, urbanization, adolescents, and aging, along with its long-standing work in contraceptive development, improving access to high-quality reproductive health services, and understanding the causes and consequences of population change.

The Population Council began as a funding agency with a professional staff of fewer than ten and an annual budget of less than 1 million dollars. This fiscal year the Council will operate on a budget of \$86 million, with offices in 18 countries and on four different continents. It conducts research and programs in more than 70 countries. The Council's extensive various offices and programs employ nearly 600 people worldwide and includes citizens from more than 40 countries.

The Population Council Board of Trustees is comprised of leaders in the fields of biomedicine, business, economic development, health, the media, philanthropy, and social science.

The organization receives funding from the government as well as private foundations, corporations and individuals. In all of its endeavors, the Population Council has aspired to the highest professional and ethical standards and has earned a worldwide reputation for excellence and integrity. Policymakers, program managers and others concerned with population issues turn to the Population Council for rigorous research results—results that help improve people's lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in commending the Population Council for 50 years of groundbreaking research, and wishing them continued excellence in the next 50 years.

RETIREMENT OF ROBERT E. MELICAN

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the community of Northborough, Massachusetts in honoring Robert E. Melican, Superintendent of Schools, as the Northborough Middle School is renamed the Robert E. Melican Middle School.

Mr. Melican is representative of all the hard-working and dedicated educators in Central Massachusetts. He has been a part of the Northborough School District since 1969, serving the children of Northborough and Southborough as a sixth grade teacher, math teacher, Assistant to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Acting Superintendent, and finally as Superintendent for the Northborough, Southborough and Northborough-Southborough School Districts since 1996. For 33 years, Mr. Melican has dedicated himself to the children fortunate to live in these communities.

Additionally, Mr. Melican has deeply committed himself to those outside of the school community, serving as a member of the Worcester County Superintendents' Association, the Massachusetts Superintendents' Association, the Worcester Vocational School District, and the Advisory Board at Worcester State College. Currently, Mr. Melican serves as Vice President of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents and in that capacity has earned the respect of his peers throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, I am certain that the entire U.S. House of Representatives joins me in congratulating Mr. Melican for his accomplishments.

TRIBUTE TO PATRICK NAGLE

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2002

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Patrick Nagle for being recognized with the Pennsylvania Financial Services Advocate award given by the Small Business Administration (SBA). This award, which recognizes his ongoing service in the banking industry, made Mr. Nagle the state winner in addition to being the winner in the Western Pennsylvania District for 2002. Mr. Nagle serves as the Vice President and Small Business Manager/SBA Coordinator for Central Bank, a division of First Commonwealth Bank. In this position he is responsible for the expanding portfolio of SBA loans for Central Bank as well as the entire First Commonwealth system.

When Mr. Nagle first accepted the responsibility for this program in 1994, the portfolio

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